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## DEMOCRATIC HARMONY

DEMOCRATIC/TOWN Chairman Lavery speaks in optimistic terms of the prospects for Democratic harmony in the next convention. It is largely through his intelligent effort that the outlook is so favorable. Under Mr. Lavery's leadership the convention will establish equally harmonious relations with the public, in the nomination of a ticket that will deserve and receive respect. A large independent vote is waiting for these nominations. They must be of men who will consult the best interests of the city in the affairs of government, and they must be ready to give effect to the very emphatic order for commission government, which the voters have recently given.

## WIRELESS FLYING TORPEDOES

A FEW YEARS ago the matter of fact descriptions of the new air torpedo would have read like fiction. Jules Verne's tale of an under sea boat was fiction. Tennyson wrote in fanciful verse of purple argosies battling in the air. Wireless communication was the theme of a hundred novels. The flying machine was described in fiction, fifty times, before it became a fact. There are no reasons why torpedoes should not be directed by wireless through the air, just as they can be directed by wireless, under the water.

Nations must turn themselves to the defense of the air, for it has become a certainty that, in the near future, the weapons of the air will be much more numerous and deadly than they are now.

## LONG DISTANCE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

MODERN INVENTION proceeds with such rapidity that conclusions often have to be revised before they are cold. In the light of claims by Prof. Pupin, it seems that the long distance conversation with Honolulu was not a freak conversation, but something that can be repeated at will. Hitherto wireless communication has been interfered with by stray currents, disconnected with the waves carrying the sound.

Prof. Pupin has invented a device which prevents the disturbance of these interlocking currents, and makes clear road for the useful impulses by which the voice, or sound, is carried from one place to the other.

Prof. Pupin's relation to electrical science is a guarantee that he is probably not mistaken in his estimate of his latest invention. It is to be noted that this invention is not the product of chance, but of experimentation, conducted upon carefully considered theory, during seven years.

## DEFENSE AGAINST SUBMARINES

NEWS FROM Great Britain proclaims that means have been found to combat submarines. Steel nets are submerged on floats, in which the vessels become entangled. Many small but fast motor boats, armed with light machine guns patrol the suspected waters. A light type of mine is laid in large fields. Aeroplanes float above shallow waters, seeking the shadow of the submarines beneath. By these means, it is claimed that from fifty to seventy German underwater craft have been captured.

If these facts are correct, one more difficulty has been placed in the way of invasion. In large part the means directed against the submarines are only applicable to invaders.

Large mine fields, many small motor boats, many submerged nets, and many aeroplanes above suspected waters are easy to those who control the coast, but difficult to the invader.

The American coast, where necessary, can be protected with all these devices, against foreign submarines, but it would be difficult for invaders to come here, with the necessary protection against American submarines.

Again The Farmer suggests that the submarine is primarily a defensive weapon, and a great discourager of invasion by sea.

## BRIDGEPORT AS A MILITARY OBJECTIVE

BRIDGEPORT IS PERHAPS the largest center of small arms manufacture in the world. If it has a rival, Essen is the place. This pre-eminence in the manufacture of arms is comfortable while the country is at peace, but would become uncomfortable if there should be a war, for these plants would be an objective to the foe, who would use every means in his command to destroy them.

By land Bridgeport is reasonably safe. The invader would find difficulty in coming here, before the American fleet and American coast defenses were destroyed. From attack by water the city is also reasonably safe. Long Island lends itself to submarine defense. Bridgeport is the home of the submarine industry, and doubtless in a position to make good use of this defense.

The most probable and earliest attack would be by aeroplane. This attack could be launched from ships at some distance, and would be as singularly unpleasant as the same sort of thing has proved in European cities.

We may be sure that in the event of a war, Bridgeport would have a pronounced military appearance.

Under all the conditions Bridgeport will naturally sympathize with the program for a large navy, with plenty of submarines and air ships, for in the navy must this country find its easiest and surest defense.

## CHINESE LABOR AND THE SEAMAN'S ACT

LIGHT IS THROWN upon the opposition of certain Pacific steamship lines, to the Seaman's Act, in an article in The Saturday Evening Post, in which the antagonism is traced largely to the differences in wages paid to Chinese crews and to white crews. The bill virtually leads to the employment of white seamen who would have to receive white men's wages.

The Chinese crews receive \$12 a month and their keep. A publication by the executive board of the International Seamen's Union of America gives some facts about recent disasters at sea. Among them is included this interesting table:

	Lives lost
1860 to 1864, inclusive, 5 years	1,918
1865 to 1869, inclusive, 5 years	1,933
1870 to 1874, inclusive, 5 years	2,302
1875 to 1879, inclusive, 5 years	2,570
1880 to 1884, inclusive, 5 years	2,570
1885 to 1889, inclusive, 5 years	2,648
1890 to 1894, inclusive, 5 years	2,658
1895 to 1899, inclusive, 5 years	2,658
1900 to 1904, inclusive, 5 years	3,165
1905 to 1909, inclusive, 5 years	4,382
1910 to 1914, 4 years and 5 months	5,445
Total lives lost	31,300

Loss of life by sea is not diminishing, in spite of the safeguards modern science has discovered, because of the growing tendency to man ships with unskilled labor, so that the old fashioned able seaman is becoming a rare man.

After reviewing all the facts, drawn from many sources: The Farmer remains of the belief that the Seaman's act should stand in the law, as a protection to white sailors, as a protection to those who travel by sea, and for the purpose of restoring the merchant marine.

The quickest way to a merchant marine is for the nation to own its own, and operate it as the post office is operated. Lines like the Robert M. Dollar line may then return to the British flag, and to Chinese crews at \$12 a month without board, and the American people will be glad to be rid of them.

## PORTUGAL ROUNDS OUT FIFTH YEAR UNDER REPUBLIC TODAY

The Portuguese will celebrate today the fifth birthday of the republic, which was proclaimed on October 5, 1910, after a brief and almost bloodless revolution which broke out the preceding day. The Portuguese revolution came with such suddenness as to startle the world and almost before the people of other nations realized that the street fighting was more than a riot the emblem of the monarchy had been torn down from the royal palace and the Red and Green flag of the republic had been hoisted in its place, while Manuel, the boy king, was an exile.

The path to peace has not been an easy one for the republic, and there have been several revolutions which at times have threatened the new regime. While the royalists have been largely responsible for the disturbed conditions existing in the infant republic, the political leaders have also disagreed among themselves, and this rivalry has resulted in plots and counter-plots and political assassinations.

When the republic was declared in 1910 a provisional government was formed with Dr. Theophylo Braga as president, and Antonio de Oliveira as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The new government abolished the State Council and House of Peers and instituted a single chamber legislative body. The government of the republic has changed in some of its aspects and in 1911 a regular presidential election was held, in which Manuel de Arriaga was the successful candidate. The new president retained in his cabinet none of the members of the old provisional government. Soon afterward there was a rising in northern Portugal in favor of the restoration of the monarchy, but it was quickly suppressed as were other similar rebellions fomented by the adherents of ex-king Manuel.

The administration of Arriaga was far from pleasing to many of the republican leaders, however, and the defenders of the new regime were divided into warring camps. The trouble reached an acute stage last May, when Peto Chagas, president of the cabinet, was shot, and other cabinet members were captured and taken prisoners on board warships, the navy having sided with the rebels. The warships were then captured, and there was much street fighting, during which hundreds of people were killed. When their ministry of General Arriaga was dissolved and a new cabinet was named the revolution subsided, and Arriaga was continued in office until the expiration of his term in August last.

Machado was elected by Congress as President of the republic on August 7, having received the support of the two principal parties, and under his administration it is expected that discord will cease and the republic will present a united front to their onarchical enemy. Senhor Machado was Portuguese minister to the United States in 1906, and was then known as the Marquis de Santo Thyrs, but when he became interested in the republican movement he dropped his title and assumed his family name. He was recalled from Washington because he made a premature announcement of the death of President McKinley. Senhor Machado was Foreign Minister in the provisional government, and a candidate for the presidency in 1911, when he was defeated by Arriaga.

In international affairs the Portuguese republic is a nominal ally of Great Britain and France, including her colonies in Africa and elsewhere. Portugal has an area of 1,200,000 square miles and a population of 3,500,000. The present republic would be overthrown, although often made, has not yet been realized, and it is now very unlikely that Manuel and his German bride will ever sit upon the throne.

## PARROTT GUNS.

The first noteworthy improvement in artillery invented by an American was the Parrott gun, the creation of Robert Parker Parrott, who was born in Lee, N. H., 111 years ago today. He graduated from West Point in 1824, and after serving as an instructor and in the war against the Creeks, he resigned his commission and became superintendent of a cannon foundry at Cold Spring, N. Y. While engaged in that capacity he invented the well known Parrott gun, or rifle cannon, which he placed at the disposition of the United States government. This cannon received its first great test in the Civil War, and while it was a considerable improvement over the older types of guns, the incentive given by the war to inventive genius soon resulted in better artillery. Many of the 10 and 24-pounder Parrott guns, made of cast iron reinforced by a band of wrought iron shrunk about the seat of the charge, were used by the Union army. Considerable in the Parrott system, as applied to heavy ordnance, was soon lost, because of frequent accidents, and it early fell into disrepute, and into disuse as soon as the urgent needs were over.

Alva C. Dinkey, former president of the Carnegie Steel Co., and a brother-in-law of Charles M. Schwab, was elected president of the Midvale Steel Co.

## Kaiser's Mind Diseased, Says Dr. Hamilton, Famous Alienist

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, who is one of the foremost of American authorities on mental and nervous diseases, will be 67 years old tomorrow, having been born in Brooklyn Oct. 6, 1848. He first came into international prominence as an alienist when he testified for the government in the trial of Guitau, the assassin of President Garfield, and he also gave testimony in regard to the mental condition of Cioigoss, the slayer of McKinley. The theory that the German Kaiser is of unsound mind, which has been put forward in some quarters, finds support in an article by Dr. Hamilton published in the North American Review 11 years ago. In writing on the subject of "Sanity and Safety in Public Office," Dr. Hamilton cited the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns as showing "a disfigurement in the mind, which in times more remote found expression in cruelty, oppression, and unmistakable insanity of other kinds, or, in recent times, by a mental degeneration which is strikingly manifested in the present German sovereign." Of the Kaiser, he says: "Though brilliant and vigorous in certain directions, as are many paranoids, his conduct is erratic and impulsive, and he is one day possibly predicting what form his latest explosion may take. Possessed of an idea of his own power and almost God-like supremacy, which more closely resembles this of the arbitrary ruler of less civilized ages, his delusional sense of greatness leads him to indulge in all sorts of eccentric and disorderly forms of the exercise of power. Through his attempts to regulate the art of Germany and to teach sculptors, artists, actors and musicians, and even ballet girls, are evidences of a mild insane conceit, and do not great harm, his power for mischief is really dangerous when he becomes, as he does at times, the subject of a species of semi-religious exaltation. This was his condition when he addressed his troops previous to their departure to China, urging them 'to kill.' Again, his exaggerated sense of personal importance has led him to direct or bring about punishments for his majesty, which are not only extreme, but at times ridiculous."

Dr. Hamilton is both a defender and a critic of expert medical testimony in the courts. He admits that such testimony has "steadily degenerated" for many years, but attributes its disrepute to the fact that such testimony is so often given by self-avowed "experts" who "have been recruited from the personal friends of the trial lawyers," many of whom are "broken-down political hacks who by accident have for a short time occupied some official position where they have seen a few insane."

## SITUATION IN BALKANS NEARING SOLUTION

Berlin, Oct. 5.—Russia's ultimatum to Bulgaria has made a deep impression here but has resulted in a feeling of relief because of the conviction that the moment has arrived when the diplomatic situation in the Balkans must be clarified within a few hours. The general opinion is that Bulgaria cannot yet give in to Russia's demand and that ultimately may cause the pro-Russian element to rally to the support of the government.

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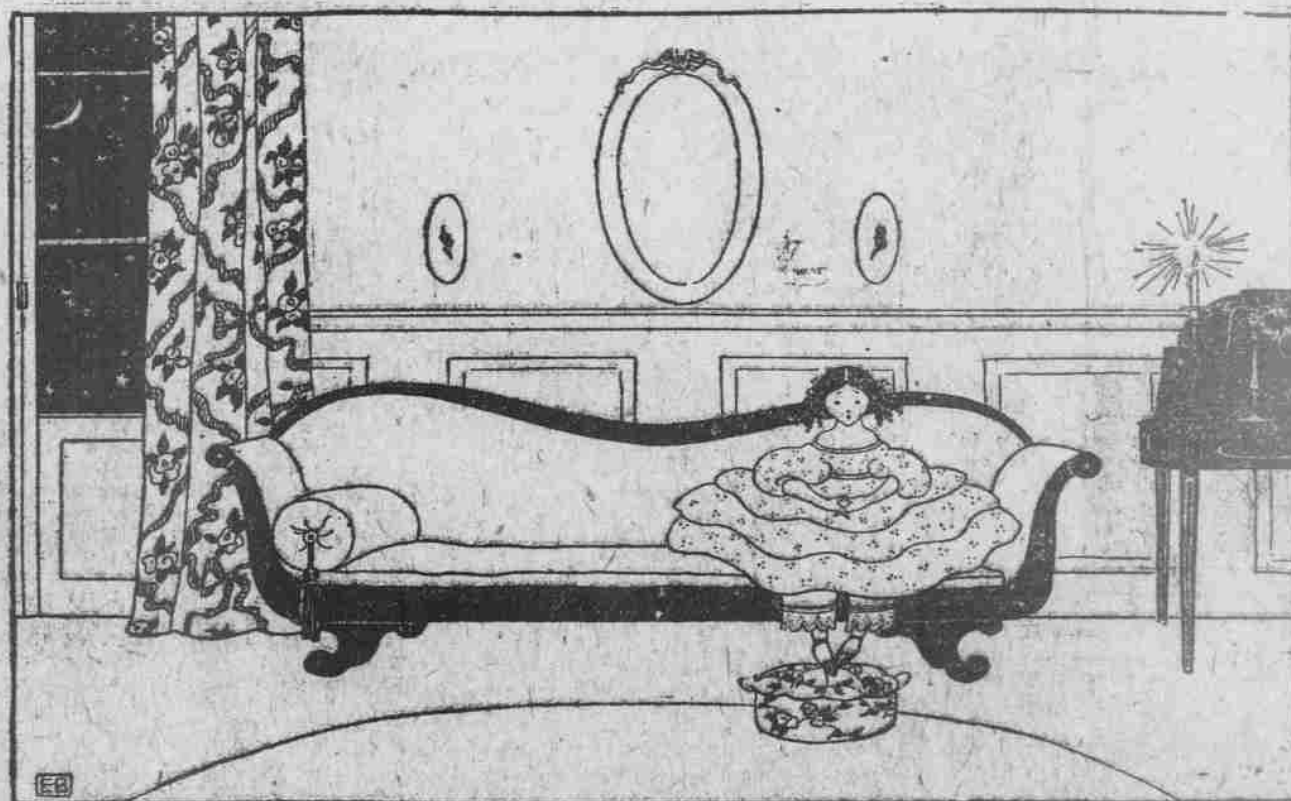
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## Opening Week Festivities Continue.

There is so much to see that visitors should come prepared to spend the day. Attend to shopping and looking at exhibits in the morning, lunch in the Tea Room and rest quietly in the afternoon during the concerts. The Monday program will be repeated Wednesday afternoon, and that of Tuesday will be repeated on Thursday. "The Goulding Harp Ensemble," eight pieces.

In the Rest Room, second floor.

## Opening of the Children's Shop



Fascinating to the little folks who come to buy, as well as to their grown up companions who incidentally assist. The section is much enlarged and all garments for winter are ready.

## Winter Coats and Bonnets

Winter Coats and Bonnets. Little white coats for the latest new arrivals. White Bonnets to accompany.

Crepe de Chine Long Coats, hand embroidered.

Short White Coats trimmed with fur.

Slips and Dresses, fine material, hand made.

Doublegowns, Bathrobes, warm Flannel Night Garments, and Worsted Novelties.

## School Dresses

Of Colored Serge for ages 6 to 14 years: Peter Thompson Suits of characteristic style.

Kilted School Frocks, quite new and very jaunty.

White Corduroy Dresses with wide belts and collars of Scotch Plaid silk.

Velvet and Corduroy Dresses, combination of corduroy with silk or other material.

On the Second Floor.

## Fur Trimmings

Bands by the yard for Suits, Gowns and Millinery. Coney Fur, inch to 6 inches, black, brown and white.

Beaver Fur	Imitation Ermine
White Skunk	Black Hair
Natural Skunk	White Hair
Sable Opposum	Genet
Black Opposum	Hudson Seal
Blue Opposum	Nutria
Civet Cat	Fitch
Japanese Skunk	Swansdown
Krinnier	Marabout in Black, Natural, White, Blue, Pink and Maise.
Red Fox	
Iceland Fox	
White Skunk	

## Nickel-Ware Department

Special attention is called to our Extensive Nickel Ware Department which will be found at the Elevator Entrance on lower floor. We are showing the product of two of the largest factories and have a very large assortment of the following in Copper and Nickel:

Chafing Dishes and Accessories.  
Coffee Machines and Percolators.  
Crumb Sets.  
Trays.  
Coasters.  
Ramekins.  
Tea and Coffee Pots.  
Casseroles.  
Bean Pots.  
Table Kettles.

Casters and many fancy pieces of China mounted in Nickel and Copper frames.

## Dolls and Playthings

All the Dolls will be found at the east end of the Children's Shop. The stock is fascinating, and many of the small Dolls are attired in sensible hand made clothes that are removable and washable.

Floating Toys of interesting character are planned for bath times. Frogs and ducks, swans, and strange little animals of various sorts.

A Baby's Bath Basket contains all necessities for the bath with floating things.

Ivory Beads and Rings for young small teeth.

Baby Books and novelties.

## Shoes for Children

In the new Shoe Shop adjoining the Children's Shop they are making a specialty of fitting little shoes.

The famous "Footform" last is in all leathers, and is the best, the most sensible model for growing feet.

Little Broad-toed Russets for school, school.

## "Racarma"

A French Perfume made in America.

It is an extravagant statement to say that a French Perfume can be made in America, but it has been done because a French chemist is in America with his formulae and his secret ways of mixing delectable flower odors. French chemists guard their secrets well and the uninitiated only know the delightful result.

Toilet Water.	\$1	\$1.75
Extrait.	\$2	\$2.25
Sachet.		.75
Talcum.		.50
L'Esprit de Rose, Crème.		.75
Face Powder.		.75
Salts.		.50
Sachet Novelties, attractive new designs.		
Society Puff Bags. Ask to see them.		

Main Floor, Left Aisle.

## Styles in Men's Neckwear

Late fads in Collars for the ultra modish young man.

The "Gothic," a new Arrow Collar is here, also the "New Willard," the "Stratford" and the "Belmont."

Rich Silk Cravates, Persian and Striped effects. \$1.50 and \$2.00

Silk Negligee Shirts, \$2.00

Fancy Striped Pajamas, \$2.00

Bath Robe Novelties pleasing to masculine taste \$6.50, \$8.00 and \$10.00

## Forget Not the Candy Shop.

Maillard's Chocolates and Bon Bons in dainty packages.

Russell's Chocolates in pound and half-pound boxes.

Milk Chocolate of wholesome mixtures, some plain others stuffed with nuts.

Small boxes and favors. Dinner "Mints" in fancy boxes.

Main Floor.

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